

About Lloyd Doggett

Congressman Lloyd Doggett's career of public service spans four decades, two branches of government, and two capitol buildings.

Doggett began his career at the University of Texas in Austin, where he was elected Student Body President in 1967. Later, he graduated from the UT School of Law with honors while serving as an associate editor of the Texas Law Review. At 26, he was elected to the Texas Senate, where during his 11 years of service he became known for his untiring work ethic. He authored 124 state laws, including the creation of the Texas Commission on Human Rights to prohibit discrimination.

In 1988, Doggett was elected as a Justice to the Texas Supreme Court. He wrote opinions supporting the right to a trial by jury, school finance equity and authored an important rule bolstering the public's access to information. He was recognized as an "Outstanding Judge in Texas" by the Mexican-American Bar of Texas, awarded the James Madison Award from the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, and received the First Amendment Award from the National Society of Professional Journalists.

In 1994, Doggett was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In Congress, Doggett has championed such issues as fiscal responsibility, environmental protection, increasing access to quality health care, and improving public education.

Congressman Doggett is a member of the House Budget Committee and a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over all tax and trade measures, as well as Social Security and Medicare. In this capacity, Congressman Doggett has opposed efforts to privatize Social Security, promoted affordable prescription drug coverage for all seniors, and fought tax loopholes that favor special interests at the expense of ordinary taxpayers.

Congressman Doggett has been honored with the national AARP 2008 Legislative Achievement Award for his leadership on Medicare. For his work protecting the environment, Doggett was

honored in 2006 by the Texas League of Conservation Voters with its inaugural Environmental Champion Award. For his efforts on behalf of small business and economic development in his district, Doggett was honored as the 2006 Business Advocate of the Year in government by the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce. As both a product of and active proponent for public education, Doggett was one of eight alumni honored in a new Hall of Fame, commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Austin Independent School District. The Austin Chronicle honored him in the annual "Best of Austin" poll, naming him "Best Unsung Hero" in 2003, "Best Elected Official" (2004-2007) and in 2008 called him among the "hardest working congressmen on the Hill" who has "served the people of Austin and Central Texas with distinction, courage, and forthrightness for many years." His strong defense of consumer rights earned Doggett a "Public Interest Champion" award in 2003 from the Public Interest Research Group.

Doggett founded and co-chairs the bipartisan House Information Technology Roundtable, a group that promotes dialogue among business, policymakers and the public on important high-tech issues. He has consistently been named as a top deficit hawk for his efforts by several nonpartisan groups including the Concord Coalition and Taxpayers for Common Sense.

Doggett's wife, Libby, is the Executive Director of the Pre-K Now, a nonprofit advocate for voluntary pre-kindergarten for all three and four-year-olds. They have two daughters. Lisa is a physician in Austin who treats the uninsured, and Cathy is a former school teacher who now trains teachers how to be more effective in the classroom. The Doggetts have two grandchildren, Ella and Clara.